

**PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOL CHOICE**

**DECEMBER 3, 2015**

**6:30 PM**

Present: Jeanise Bertrand, Stacey Metternick, Larry Swartz, Emily Madden  
Also present: Michael Harvey, Jeff Sands  
Nancy Bergner, (Secretary)

Larry Swartz Called the Meeting to Order

Citizen Comments encouraging an end-of-year evaluation of costs and benefits of School Choice were received.

Larry Swartz called for a recess of the meeting until further notice.

7:17 PM Larry Swartz reconvened the Public Meeting and invited further comment, of which there was none.

**MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOL CHOICE.**

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK seconded by HANNAH FRALEY  
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

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**HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 3, 2015**

**7:15 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Larry Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm in the Buker Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room.

Present: Jeanise Bertrand, Hannah Fraley, Dennis Hurley, Stacey Metternick, Larry Swartz, Emily Madden

Also present: Michael Harvey, Jeff Sands, Kerrienne Heppner (Student Representative)  
Nancy Bergner, (Secretary)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

**I. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

no citizen comments

**II. CHAIR'S REPORT**

no new information to report

### **III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. PARCC or MCAS 2016 Decision Exhibit A
- B. School closing decision policy and notification procedures
- C. Gifts to Staff policy

### **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. SC & Joint FinCom Meeting Minutes November 18, 2015 Exhibit B
- B. Minutes – November 19, 2015 Exhibit C

**MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE ALL OF THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. THERE SHALL BE NO FURTHER DISCUSSION NOR AMENDMENT OF THIS MOTION.**

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by JEANISE BERTRAND  
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Fall Athletic Teams Recognition Exhibit D  
H-WHS Athletic staff and student athletes were presented to the SC.
- B. Athletic Hall of Fame  
Athletic Director Craig Genualdo and Student Body President Trevor Jones presented.
- C. Grant from Cell Signaling \$3,385. Exhibit E

**MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FROM CELL SIGNALING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,385.**

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by JEANISE BERTRAND  
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

- D. Donation: Exhibit F
  - 1. Friends of the Arts \$1,000

**MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO ACCEPT THE DONATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE ARTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1000.**

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by HANNAH FRALEY  
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

- E. Special Education Programs Overview Exhibit G  
Director of Student Services Kathy Harris presented  
*discussion*
- F. Second Reading & Adoption of Physical Restraint Policy Exhibit H  
Dennis Hurley presented on behalf of the Policy Committee

**MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE POLICY AS WRITTEN IN EXHIBIT H.**

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by DENNIS HURLEY**

**Discussion**

***UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED***

G. Vote to participate in the School Choice Program for the 2016-2017 School Year.

**MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE NOT TO ACCEPT SCHOOL CHOICE FOR GRADES K-5 AND GRADES 6-8 FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR.**

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by HANNAH FRALEY  
*UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED***

**MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO ACCEPT SCHOOL CHOICE FOR GRADES 9-12 FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR.**

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by JEANISE BERTRAND  
*UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED***

**MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONDUCT STRATEGY SESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH NONUNION PERSONNEL (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE) AND NOT TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION (EXECUTIVE SESSION PURPOSE #2).**

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by JEANISE BERTRAND  
*UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE AT 8:50 PM***

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy R. Bergner  
Secretary, H-WRSC Meeting